

REGISTER OF CLASSIFICATION DECISIONS

Title of Publication: Bekah,Orewa023.jpg

Other Known Title: Not Stated

Format: Computer Image File Printout

Director/Author: Not Applicable

Producer/Publisher: Not Applicable

Country of Origin: New Zealand

Language: Not Applicable

Applicant: Commissioner of Police

Distributor: Not Applicable

Classification:	Objectionable.
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Descriptive Note: Not Applicable

Display Conditions: Not Applicable

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Date of direction to issue a label: Not Applicable

OFLC No: 702956

Excisions: Not Applicable

Reasons for excisions:

Not Applicable

**Summary of reasons
for classification:**

The computer image file printout *Bekah,Orewa023.jpg* is classified as:
Objectionable.

The publication is objectionable because it promotes and supports the exploitation of young persons for sexual purposes.

The printout contains a photographic image that deliberately displays a naked girl in her early to mid-teenage years, lying on a bed. Her body and legs are placed to obscure her sexual characteristics but her position draws attention to her hidden genitals. The image is intended for adult sexual titillation and arousal. The publication encourages a sexual interest in young persons and validates the idea that young persons are suitable sexual partners for adult viewers.

The classification of this publication interferes with the right to freedom of expression set out in the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990. However, this is an outcome that is consistent with Parliament's clear intention in s3(2) of the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993. The classification is a reasonable limitation on the freedom of expression that reflects the concern of a free and democratic society to limit the availability of publications that promote and support the exploitation of young persons for sexual purposes.